

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for acquiring satellite signals comprising:
  - a) receiving a request to switch from a first LNB to a second LNB;
  - b) switching from the first LNB to the second LNB;
  - c) recalling from memory a tuner frequency value associated with said second LNB, wherein said tuner frequency value comprises an LNB base frequency and a local oscillator frequency offset value [associated with said second LNB];
  - d) tuning a frequency for receiving a selected channel with a tuner using the local oscillator frequency offset value; and
  - e) locking said tuner to said second LNB.
2. (Deleted)
3. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the local oscillator frequency offset value compensates for frequency drift in the second LNB.
4. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the local oscillator frequency offset compensates for a frequency adjustment in a satellite transponder.

5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the local oscillator frequency offset compensates for a frequency adjustment in a satellite transponder and frequency drift in the second LNB.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising activating the second LNB while tuning said tuner frequency.

7. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the local oscillator frequency offset for the second LNB is derived from a frequency drift of the first LNB.

8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for acquiring satellite signals comprising:

a tuner coupled to first and second LNBs comprising a local oscillator having a frequency equal to a base frequency plus either a first local oscillator frequency offset value or a second local oscillator frequency offset value;

a memory, coupled to said tuner, for storing said [a] first local oscillator frequency offset value for the first LNB and said [a] second local oscillator frequency offset value for the second LNB, said tuner being tuned to a frequency using said second local oscillator frequency offset value and is locked to the second LNB upon switching from the first LNB to the second LNB thus enabling acquisition of a satellite signal.

9. (Deleted)

10. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the first and second local oscillator frequency offset values represent the respective frequency drifts of the first and second LNBS.

11. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said first local oscillator frequency offset value comprises a local oscillator frequency offset value for each transponder associated with the first LNB and said second local oscillator frequency offset value comprises a local oscillator frequency offset value for each transponder associated with the second LNB.

12. (Previously Cancelled)